Setting up of Alumina Plant at Vizag

1452. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of MINES AND MINERALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether approval of the Central Government for setting up an alumina plant in Vishakhapatnam is pending;

(b) if so, since when; and

(c) by when the approval is proposed to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES AND MINERALS DR. (SHRIMATI): RITA VERMA: (a) No. Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Royalty on Lignite

1453. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of MINES AND MINERALS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Gujarat is the second largest producer of lignite in the country;

(b) Whether the rate of royalty on lignite is fixed by the Central Government;

(c) Whether the lignite calorific value is equated with "E" grade coal;

(d) Whether the royality for "E" grade coal has been revised twice during 1991 and 1994;

(e) the reasons for delay in refixing/revising the rate of lignite royalty; and

the time by which it would be reivsed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES AND MINERALS DR. (SHRIMATI): RITA VERMA: (a) Yes sir.

(b) Yes sir.

(c) The calorific value of lignite in Tamil Nadu and Rajasthan is